

Claim Amendments

Please amend claims 1, 9, 26, and 27 as follows:

1. (currently amended) An anastomosis device comprising
a hollow, elongate, flexible catheter body having a proximal end and a distal end,
the distal end comprising a catheter body wall,
an inflatable balloon at the distal end,
a drainage aperture at the distal end, and
tissue approximating structure that can be extended and retracted from the
catheter body wall at the distal end of the catheter body,
wherein the inflatable balloon is on a proximal side of the drainage aperture and the tissue
approximating structure is on a proximal side of the inflatable balloon.
2. (original) The device of claim 1 wherein, when the device is installed in a body having a
prostate removed, with the balloon in the bladder, the tissue approximating structure is capable
of contacting tissue selected from tissue of a bladder, tissue of a perineal wall, urethral tissue,
and combinations of these.
3. (original) The device of claim 1 wherein the tissue approximating structure comprises
movable elongate structure selected from a tine, a probe, a prod, and a needle.
4. (original) The device of claim 3 wherein the tissue approximating structure can be
extended and retracted from apertures in the catheter body using an actuating mechanism that
extends through a lumen along a portion of the length of the device to the proximal end.
5. (previously presented) The device of claim 1, comprising
an inflation lumen extending from the proximal end to the balloon,
a drainage lumen extending from the drainage aperture at the distal end to a port
at the proximal end, and

movable elongate tissue approximating structure positioned to extend through apertures in the hollow catheter body at the distal end.

6. (previously presented) The device of claim 1, comprising
an inflation lumen extending from the proximal end to the balloon,
a drainage lumen extending from the drainage aperture at the distal end to a port at the proximal end, and

wherein the tissue approximating structure comprises

distal tissue approximating structure comprising movable elongate tines positioned to extend through apertures in the hollow catheter body on the proximal side of the balloon, and

proximal tissue approximating structure comprising movable elongate tines positioned to extend through apertures in the hollow catheter body on the proximal side of the distal tissue approximating structure.

7. (original) The device of claim 1 wherein the tissue approximating structure comprises multiple tines.

8. (original) The device of claim 1 wherein the tissue approximating structure comprises multiple opposing tines.

9. (currently amended) An anastomosis device comprising
a hollow elongate flexible catheter body having a proximal end and a distal end,
the distal end comprising a catheter body wall,

an inflatable balloon at the distal end and inflation means to inflate the balloon,
a drainage aperture and drainage means connected to the drainage aperture for draining urine from a bladder, and

tissue approximating means ~~on the catheter body~~ on the proximal side of the balloon for holding severed tissue in contact for healing

wherein the inflatable balloon is on a proximal side of the drainage aperture and the tissue approximating means can be extended and retracted from the catheter body wall at a location along the distal end of the catheter body~~is on a proximal side of the inflatable balloon,~~
~~wherein the tissue approximating means are located on the distal end.~~

10. (cancelled)

11. (original) The device of claim 9 further comprising actuating means for actuating the tissue approximating means, the actuating means connected to the tissue approximating means and extending from the tissue approximating means to the proximal end.

12. (previously presented) The device of claim 9 wherein the tissue approximating means is selected from the group consisting of an inflatable balloon, a movable elongate structure, and a combination thereof.

13. (previously presented) The device of claim 9 wherein the tissue approximating means comprises a movable tine.

14. (previously presented) The device of claim 9 wherein, with the device positioned to place the at least a portion of the catheter body inside the urethra and the inflated balloon in the bladder, the tissue approximating means can be extended to contact tissue selected from the group consisting of bladder tissue, urethral tissue, urethral stump tissue, and perineal wall tissue.

15-25. (canceled)

26. (currently amended) An anastomosis device comprising

a hollow, elongate, flexible catheter body having a proximal end and a distal end,
the distal end comprising a catheter body wall,

a drainage aperture at the distal end, and

tissue approximating structure at the distal end of the catheter body, the tissue approximating structure comprising first tissue approximating structure and second tissue

approximating structure, the first and second tissue approximating structure located on a proximal side of the drainage aperture, wherein each of the first and second tissue approximating structure can be extended and retracted from the catheter body wall.

27. (currently amended) The device of claim 26 wherein, when the device is positioned to place a distal portion of the catheter body inside the urethra, the first tissue approximating structure can be located to contact tissue of the bladder and the second tissue approximating structure is located to contact ~~contacting~~ tissue selected from tissue of a bladder, tissue of a perineal wall, urethral stump tissue, tissue inside a urethra and combinations of these.

28. (previously presented) The device of claim 27 wherein the first tissue approximating structure is selected from the group consisting of a balloon and a balloon-like structure.

29. (previously presented) The device of claim 28 wherein the first tissue approximating structure, when placed inside of the bladder, is capable of expanding within the bladder to prevent urine from passing through the bladder neck and urethra to an anastomosis site.

30. (previously presented) The device of claim 27 wherein the second tissue approximating structure is located on a proximal side of the first tissue approximating structure, and the second tissue approximating structure comprises movable elongate structure selected from a tine, a probe, a prod, and a needle.

31. (previously presented) The device of claim 30 wherein the second tissue approximating structure comprises multiple opposing tines.